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1. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 17 October 1953, there was no air activity at Laerz airfield. As far as source was able to observe the dispersal areas, 30 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. 1
2. On 29 October, on the occasion of the anniversary of the foundation of the Komsomols (Communist Youth) organization, a celebration was held at the clubhouse of Rechlin restricted area. The celebration was attended by 4 colonels, 7 lieutenant colonels, officers of lower ranks, and about 900 EM who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Thirty-six FDJ and SED members had been invited. A bulletin board on the ground floor of the hall bore the name of a Major Shindel (fnu) 2

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1. [] Comment. The headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments equipped with a total of about 70 MiG-15s are believed to be stationed at Laerz airfield.

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2. [] Comment. Major Shindel is reported for the first time. [] 25X1B

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